

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF PROPOSED ACTION**

The Administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is issuing this notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application for modification of Water Pollution Control Discharge Permit # NEV00025 from the following applicant:

Nevada Department of Corrections
P O Box 7011
Carson City NV 89702

The application is for modification of the existing permit for sewage facilities serving the Southern Desert Correctional Center on U.S. 95 eight miles southeast of Indian Springs. The original permit authorizes disposal of wastewater treatment pond effluent via rapid infiltration basins. The proposed modification is to include temporary disposal via overland flow while additional basins are constructed. The additional basins are needed after partial failure of the original ones due to a subsurface caliche layer. The expiration date and other conditions remain unchanged.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determination by the Administrator, or request a hearing pursuant to the water pollution control provisions of the Nevada Administrative Code, should submit their comments or request in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication either in person or by mail to:

Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

The end of the comment period and deadline for receipt of all comments or requests in this office is 5:00 P.M. on Monday May 31, 2004. Mail postmarked with that date will also be accepted. Hearing requests must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Robert J. Saunders, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775)687-9437 (email: rsaunder@ndep.nv.gov). In addition, the fact sheet and proposed permit are posted at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>. The office fax number is (775)687-4684.